

25th Sunday after Pentecost



November 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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*At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Today, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. During this time of pandemic, you are encouraged to take a pre-made Communion packet prior to the service, which will be distributed along with your bulletin.

COME

Voluntary

Ballade

Richard Coeur de Lion

*Call to Worship

Steve Harp

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made,

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.

*Hymn #461

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Children's Choir

I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American spiritual

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us, Christ rose in power for us, Christ prays for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence with our prayers of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, hear your church as it makes its confession: We recognize our failure to fulfill our call as your people, created to glorify your holy name. You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide by your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone;
a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
**People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
Christ we are forgiven.**

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

*During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand
will suffice.*

Moment for Ministry Margo Works
Advent Season and Children's Christmas Pageant

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

In gratitude for all God has done, we bring our offerings and tithes for the
building up of God's kingdom.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory

Sanctus (Holy is the Lord)

Franz Schubert

Holy is the Lord! Holy is our God! He who always liveth, ever more the same. Heav'n and earth He ruleth, come and praise His Name. Holy is the Lord! Holy is our God! Glorious and beloved is the One ador'd! Holy is the Lord.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Stephanie Blaha

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families or to visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalms 16:1-11

Old Testament

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Mark 13:1-8

New Testament

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’
2 Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’
3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
4 ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’
5 Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray.
6 Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray.
7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.
8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERVE

Pre-made Communion packets are available for you. Please see the ushers for assistance. In keeping with social distancing protocols, the congregation will not be coming forward to receive the elements. Instead, you are encouraged to receive the elements in your pew at the appropriate time.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

John 6:35

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

We give thanks that in the creation of the world, you laid the earth’s foundation and set its cornerstone in place. By the power of your Spirit you made the universe; by the might of your Word you gave us life. We give thanks that in the new creation, when you gave your Son to raise us up again, since we and all our human race had fallen, you claimed us for your own people, that we might proclaim the glorious deeds of him who has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. By the life of your Spirit you fill the hearts of the faithful, by the light of your Word you give us strength and love. Therefore, with your people of all places and times and with the whole company of heaven we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

Together let us sing: Hymn #138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
verse 1

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Alpha and Omega, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the bread of life and cup of salvation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

"The bread of life." "The cup of salvation."

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn #508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
KINGDOM

Prayer following Communion

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace,
Have courage,
Hold on to what is good,
Return no one evil for evil,
Strengthen the fainthearted,
Support the weak and help the suffering,
Honor all people,
Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and every day.

Voluntary Ein feste Burg Martin Luther
Setting by John Leavitt

The Reverend Cathy Ulrich is currently serving Eastminster Presbytery as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. She and her husband Tom lived in Denver for two years where Cathy was the Interim Stated Clerk of Denver Presbytery and Tom was pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Cathy and Tom were co-pastors of Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas for 20 years. Cathy served 3 churches in Arkansas and one in Texas. Cathy and Tom love hiking, baseball, concerts, and plays which makes Northeast Ohio an ideal place to call home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day flowers in the Chancel are given by Roger Nelson in remembrance of the 103rd anniversary of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, ending World War I. They are also given in memory of his father, Hilding A. Nelson, Mus 3, 305th Engr, 80th Division, and in honor of all Westminster members who have served in the military in every conflict since then.

Flowers on the Pedestal are given in loving memory of Phil Buehl by his family.

Intercessory Prayers If you have any prayer requests, please send them to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com to be added to our intercessory prayer list.

Christmas Pageant Today after Worship, Valerie Stewart will be in fellowship hall, to sign up children and youth for parts in our upcoming Christmas Pageant to be held on December 12.

WPC Worship Services The Reverend Tom Ulrich will be preaching on November 21 and throughout the Season of Advent.

Hanging of The Greens Please join in the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday November 21, immediately following Worship. There are two sign-up sheets at the Connection Point in WHH, one for decorating tasks and one for lunch. Lunch will be served once all the decorations are completed. Come join in the festivities!

Advent Pizza and Movie On Sunday, November 28, join with others in our church to mark the beginning of the Season of Advent! First, is the children's first Christmas Pageant rehearsal at 3:00 p.m. Stay to enjoy food, fellowship, fun, and focus on the reason for the season as we eat pizza, veggies and watch the movie, Lucy Shimmers and the Prince of Peace.

For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



Calendar of Church Events for the week of November 14 to 20, 2021

Sunday, 11/14

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream
- 11:30 am Christmas Pageant Sign-up in WHH
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Pastor Study
- 11:40 am Outreach Meeting in Room 106
- 3:00 pm Special Session meeting in Room 106

Tuesday, 11/16

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 11/17

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 11/18

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 11/20

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen



Staff Schedule in the Office:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Claudine Schooley		Claudine Schooley	Claudine Schooley	Claudine Schooley
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Other Staff:

Val Stewart, Director of Children's Choir

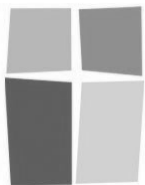
Bruce Klucharich, Audio-Visual Technician

Traci Range, Director of Childcare wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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